



AGENDA

COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Tuesday 12 April 2022

6.00pm

Council Chambers



STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2032



Community & Corporate Services Committee
Terms of Reference

Functions: The Committee is responsible for the following functions:

The Community and Corporate Services Committee is responsible for the following functions:

- **Community Services** – delivery of the outcomes defined in the Strategic Community Plan 2032 under the **People Pillar** and the **Leadership Pillar**:
 - Diverse and inclusive community;
 - Happy, healthy and resilient community; and
 - A well-informed and engaged community.
- **Corporate Services** – delivery of the outcomes defined in the Strategic Community Plan 2032 under the **Leadership Pillar** and **Prosperity Pillar**:
 - A safe community;
 - A resilient community that can withstand, adapt to and recover from natural disasters;
 - A strong diverse and resilient economy with work opportunities for everyone;
 - A highly sought after tourist destination;
 - Proactive, visionary leaders who are aligned with community needs and values; and
 - Strong workplace culture and performance.
- Monitoring and commenting on the financial health and strategies of the City.
- Service Complaint Internal Review.

It will achieve this by:

- Developing policies and strategies;
- Establishing ways to measure progress;
- Receiving progress reports;
- Considering officer advice;
- Debating topical issues;
- Providing advice on effective ways to engage and report progress to the Community; and
- Making recommendations to Council.

Membership:	Open to all elected members
Meeting Schedule:	Monthly
Meeting Location:	Council Chambers
Directorates:	Corporate & Community Services
Executive Officer(s):	Executive Director Corporate & Commercial Services, Executive Director Community Services
Delegated Authority:	None

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1. **DECLARATION OF OPENING**

2. **PRAYER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL LAND OWNERS**

“Heavenly Father, we thank you for the peace and beauty of this area. Direct and prosper the deliberations of this Council for the advancement of the City and the welfare of its people. Amen.”

“We would like to acknowledge the Noongar people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land.

We would also like to pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging”.

3. **RECORD OF APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Mayor	D Wellington
Councillors:	
Member	P Terry (Chair)
Member	A Cruse
Member	G Stocks
Member	M Traill
Member	T Brough
Member	M Benson-Lidholm JP
Member	J Shanhun
Member	D Baesjou
Member	S Smith (Deputy Chair)
Member	A Goode JP
Member	C Thomson
Member	R Sutton
Staff:	
Chief Executive Officer	A Sharpe
Executive Director Community Services	N Watson
Manager Finance	S van Nierop
Meeting Secretary	H Bell
Apologies:	
Executive Director Corporate & Commercial Services	D Olde

4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Name	Committee/Report Item Number	Nature of Interest

5. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

In accordance with City of Albany Standing Orders Local Law 2014 (as amended) the following points apply to Public Question Time:

- 5) The Presiding Member may decide that a public question shall not be responded to where—*
 - (a) the same or similar question was asked at a previous Meeting, a response was provided and the member of the public is directed to the minutes of the Meeting at which the response was provided;*
 - (b) the member of the public asks a question or makes a statement that is offensive, unlawful or defamatory in nature, provided that the Presiding Member has taken reasonable steps to assist the member of the public to rephrase the question or statement in a manner that is not offensive, unlawful or defamatory.*

7. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

DRAFT MOTION

THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Community and Corporate Services Committee held on 08 March 2022, as previously distributed, be CONFIRMED as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

9. PRESENTATIONS

10. UNRESOLVED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil.

CCS424: FINANCIAL ACTIVITY STATEMENT – FEBRUARY 2022

Proponent / Owner	: City of Albany
Attachments	: Financial Activity Statement - February 2022
Report Prepared By	: Manager Finance (S Van Nierop)
Authorising Officer:	: Executive Director Corporate & Commercial Services (D Olde)

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

1. This item relates to the following elements of the City of Albany Strategic Community Plan or Corporate Business Plan informing plans or strategies:
 - **Pillar:** Leadership.
 - **Outcome:** Strong workplace culture and performance.

IN BRIEF

- Under the Local Government Financial Management Regulations, a local government is to prepare on a monthly basis a statement of financial activity that is presented to Council.
- The City of Albany's Statement of Financial Activity for the period ending 28 February 2022 has been prepared and is attached.
- In addition, the City provides Council with a monthly investment summary to ensure the investment portfolio complies with the City's Investment of Surplus Funds Policy.

RECOMMENDATION

CCS424: AUTHORISING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Financial Activity Statement for the period ending 28 February 2022 be RECEIVED.

DISCUSSION

2. The requirement for local governments to produce a Statement of Financial Activity was gazetted in March 2005 to provide elected members with a greater insight in relation to the ongoing financial performance of the local government.
3. In order to fulfil statutory reporting obligations, the Financial Activity Statement prepared provides a snapshot of the City's year to date financial performance. The report provides:
 - (a) Statement of Financial Activity by Nature or Type;
 - (b) Explanation of material variances to year to date budget;
 - (c) Net Current Funding Position;
 - (d) Investment Portfolio Snapshot;
 - (e) Receivables; and
 - (f) Capital Acquisitions.
4. Additionally, each year a local government is to adopt a percentage or value to be used in the Statement of Financial Activity for reporting material variances. Under Council item CCS367, Council approved that a variance between actual and budget-to-date of greater than \$100,000 is considered to be a material variance for reporting purposes in the Statement of Financial Activity for 2021/2022.
5. The Statement of Financial Activity may be subject to year-end adjustments and has not been audited by the appointed auditor.

6. It is noted that rounding errors may occur when whole numbers are used, as they are in the reports that follow. The 'errors' may be \$1 or \$2 when adding sets of numbers. This does not mean that the underlying figures are incorrect.”

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

7. Section 34 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* provides:

34(1) A local government is to prepare each month a statement of financial activity reporting on the revenue and expenditure, as set out in the annual budget under regulation 22 (1)(d), for that month in the following detail:

- (a) annual budget estimates, taking into account any expenditure incurred for an additional purpose under section 6.8(1)(b) or (c); and
- (b) budget estimates to the end of the month to which the statement relates; and
- (c) actual amounts of expenditure, revenue and income to the end of the month to which the statement relates; and
- (d) material variances between the comparable amounts referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c); and
- (e) the net current assets at the end of the month to which the statement relates.

34(2) Each statement of financial activity is to be accompanied by documents containing-

- (a) an explanation of the composition of the net current assets of the month to which the statement relates, less committed assets and restricted assets; and
- (b) an explanation of each of the material variances referred to in sub regulation (1)(d); and
- (c) such other supporting information as is considered relevant by the local government.

34(3) The information in a statement of financial activity may be shown –

- (a) according to nature and type classification; or
- (b) by program; or
- (c) by business unit.

34(4) A statement of financial activity, and the accompanying documents referred to in sub regulation (2), are to be —

- (a) presented at an ordinary meeting of the council within 2 months after the end of the month to which the statement relates; and
- (b) recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is presented.

34(5) Each financial year, a local government is to adopt a percentage or value, calculated in accordance with the AAS, to be used in statements of financial activity for reporting material variances

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

8. The City's 2021/22 Annual Budget provides a set of parameters that guides the City's financial practices.
9. The Investment of Surplus Funds Policy stipulates that the status and performance of the investment portfolio is to be reported monthly to Council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. Expenditure for the period ending 28 February 2022 has been incurred in accordance with the 2021/22 proposed budget parameters.
11. Details of any budget variation in excess of \$100,000 (year to date) is outlined in the Statement of Financial Activity. There are no other known events which may result in a material non recoverable financial loss or financial loss arising from an uninsured event.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

12. Nil

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

13. Nil

ALTERNATE OPTIONS

14. Nil

CONCLUSION

15. The Authorising Officer's recommendation be adopted
16. It is requested that any questions on specific payments are submitted to the Executive Director Corporate & Commercial Services by 4pm of the day prior to the scheduled meeting time. All answers to submitted questions will be provided at the Committee meeting. This allows a detailed response to be given to the Committee in a timely manner.

Consulted References	:	<i>Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996</i>
File Number (Name of Ward)	:	FM.FIR.7 - All Wards

CCS425: LIST OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – MARCH 2022

Business Entity Name : City of Albany
Attachments : List of Accounts for Payment
Report Prepared By : Manager Finance (S Van Nierop)
Authorising Officer: : Executive Director Corporate and Commercial Services (D Olde)

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

- This item relates to the following elements of the City of Albany Strategic Community Plan or Corporate Business Plan informing plans or strategies:
 - Pillar:** Leadership.
 - Outcome:** Strong workplace culture and performance.

IN BRIEF

- Council has delegated to the Chief Executive Officer the exercise of its power to make payments from the City's municipal and trust funds. In accordance with Regulation 13 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, a list of accounts paid by the Chief Executive Officer is to be provided to Council.

RECOMMENDATION

CCS425: AUTHORISING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council RECEIVE the list of accounts authorised for payment under delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer for the period ending 15 March 2022 totalling \$6,724,574.64.

DISCUSSION

- The table below summarises the payments drawn from the municipal fund for the period ending 15 March 2022. Please refer to the Attachment to this report.

Municipal Fund	
Trust	\$0.00
Credit Cards	\$11,948.00
Payroll	\$1,654,325.95
Cheques	\$23,225.73
Electronic Funds Transfer	\$5,035,074.96
TOTAL	\$6,724,574.64

The table below summaries the total outstanding creditors as at 15 March 2022.

Current	\$613,488.87
30 Days	\$494,911.08
60 Days	\$5,360.27
90 Days	-\$3,802.33
TOTAL	\$1,109,957.89
Cancelled Cheques	Nil

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

4. Regulation 12(1)(a) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, provides that payment may only be made from the municipal fund or a trust fund if the Local Government has delegated this function to the Chief Executive Officer or alternatively authorises payment in advance.
5. The Chief Executive Officer has delegated authority to make payments from the municipal and trust fund.
6. Regulation 13 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* provides that if the function of authorising payments is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, then a list of payments must be presented to Council and recorded in the minutes.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

7. Expenditure for the period to 15 March 2022 has been incurred in accordance with the 2021/2022 budget parameters.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. Expenditure for the period to 15 March 2022 has been incurred in accordance with the 2021/2022 budget parameters.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9. Nil

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

10. Nil

ALTERNATE OPTIONS

11. Nil

CONCLUSION

12. That the list of accounts have been authorised for payment under delegated authority.
13. It is requested that any questions on specific payments are submitted to the Executive Director Corporate Services by 4pm of the day prior to the scheduled meeting time. All answers to submitted questions will be provided at the Committee meeting. This allows a detailed response to be given to the Committee in a timely manner.

Consulted References	:	<i>Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996</i>
File Number (Name of Ward)	:	FM.FIR.7 – All Wards

**CCS426: DELEGATED AUTHORITY REPORTS – 16 FEBRUARY 2022 to
15 MARCH 2022**

Proponent / Owner	: City of Albany
Attachments	: Executed Document and Common Seal Report.
Report Prepared By	: PA to the ED Corporate & Commercial Services (H Bell)
Authorising Officer:	: Chief Executive Officer (A Sharpe)

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

1. This item relates to the following elements of the City of Albany Strategic Community Plan or Corporate Business Plan informing plans or strategies:
 - **Pillar:** Leadership.
 - **Outcome:** A well informed and engaged community.

RECOMMENDATION

CCS426: AUTHORISING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Delegated Authority Reports 16 February 2022 to 15 March 2022 be RECEIVED.

BACKGROUND

2. In compliance with Section 9.49A of the *Local Government Act 1995* the attached report applies to the use of the Common Seal and the signing of documents under Council's Delegated Authority:
 - Delegation: 006 - SIGN DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ALBANY (Chief Executive Officer)
 - Delegation: 009 - GRANT FUNDING, DONATIONS, SPONSORSHIP
 - Delegation: 018 - CHOICE OF TENDER, AWARD CONTRACT

CCS427: CORPORATE SCORECARD

- Attachments** : Attachment – ‘CS Dashboard Q3 2021-22’
- Report Prepared By** : Business Planning and Performance Coordinator
(A Olszewski)
- Authorising Officer:** : Manager People & Culture (L Harding)

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

1. This item relates to the following elements of the City of Albany’s Strategic Community Plan 2032 or Corporate Business Plan informing plans or strategies:
 - **Pillar:** Leadership.
 - **Outcome:** Proactive, visionary leaders who are aligned with community needs and values.

In Brief:

- The Strategic Community Plan 2032 (SCP) and Corporate Business Plan 2021-2025 (CBP) were adopted by Council in August 2021.
- The CBP outlines a comprehensive suite of actions that effectively form Council’s priority commitments to the community.
- The Corporate Scorecard (CS) Dashboard concept was developed to provide a quarterly update to Council on the status of these actions.

RECOMMENDATION

CCS427: AUTHORISING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Corporate Scorecard Dashboard be NOTED.

BACKGROUND

2. The SCP establishes the results the community expects Council to achieve through the City, while the CBP describes the specific actions necessary to achieve those results.
3. These actions are monitored through Business Unit Plans, which define (on a minimum quarterly basis) associated service levels and enable assignment of a simple ‘traffic light’ status to each action.
4. The first iteration of the CS Dashboard was presented to Council at the November 2021 CCS Committee meeting for feedback, and subsequently endorsed at the December OCM.

DISCUSSION

5. The ‘CS Dashboard Q3 2021-22’ (attached) provides an update on the status of CBP actions for the January – March 2022 Quarter, and per Council’s request, now identifies those actions potentially ‘at-risk.’
6. ‘At-risk’ actions include those assigned with a traffic light status of either:
 - Red (a service *not meeting* its service level, or a project *not on track*), or;
 - Orange (a service *under strain*, or a project that has *stalled*).

GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC CONSULTATION

7. N/A.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

8. There are no direct statutory implications, however the CS Dashboard supports the City's obligations under *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*, regulation 19DA in relation specifically to the Corporate Business Plan:

Corporate Business Plan means a plan made under regulation 19DA that, together with a strategic community plan, forms a plan for the future of a district made in accordance with section 5.56, which states:

- (1) A local government is to ensure that a corporate business plan is made for its district in accordance with this regulation in respect of each financial year after the financial year ending 30 June 2013.
- (2) A corporate business plan for a district is to cover the period specified in the plan, which is to be at least 4 financial years.
- (3) A corporate business plan for a district is to —
 - (a) set out, consistently with any relevant priorities set out in the strategic community plan for the district, a local government's priorities for dealing with the objectives and aspirations of the community in the district; and
 - (b) Govern a local government's internal business planning by expressing a local government's priorities by reference to operations that are within the capacity of the local government's resources; and
 - (c) Develop and integrate matters relating to resources, including asset management, workforce planning and long-term financial planning.
- (4) A local government is to review the current corporate business plan for its district every year.
- (5) A local government may modify a corporate business plan, including extending the period the plan is made in respect of and modifying the plan if required because of modification of the local government's strategic community plan.
- (6) A council is to consider a corporate business plan, or modifications of such a plan, submitted to it and is to determine* whether or not to adopt the plan or the modifications. ***Absolute majority required.**
- (7) If a corporate business plan is, or modifications of a corporate business plan are, adopted by the council, the plan or modified plan applies to the district for the period specified in the plan.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

9. N/A.

RISK IDENTIFICATION & MITIGATION

10. The risk identification and categorisation relies on the City's Enterprise Risk and Opportunity Management Framework.

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation
Reputational/Business Operations: Loss of reputation from not following through on commitments outlined in CBP.	Likely	Minor	Moderate	Staff to review and address areas of concern prior to reconsideration by Council.
Opportunity: Significantly enhanced oversight of CBP Actions, leading to improved community perception of Council leadership.				

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

11. N/A.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

12. N/A.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

13. N/A.

ALTERNATE OPTIONS

14. Council may choose not to review progress of commitments made in the CBP though the proposed CS Dashboard, and delegate this oversight to the City's Executive.

CONCLUSION

15. It is recommended the CS Dashboard be noted.

Consulted References	:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Local Government Act 1995, s5.56</i>• <i>Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, Reg. 19</i>• <i>IPR Framework and Guidelines 2019</i>
File Number (Name of Ward)	:	All Wards
Previous Reference	:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OCM 24/08/2021 - Report Item CCS374• CCS 30/11/2021 – Report Item CCS398• CCS 08/02/2022 – Report Item CCS415

CCS428: CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS RENEWAL

Proponent / Owner	: City of Albany
Supplementary Information & Councillor Workstation	: Christmas Decorations Briefing Note (as previously distributed)
Report Prepared By	: Manager Community Relations (L Paterson)
Authorising Officer:	: Executive Director Community Services (N Watson)

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

1. This item relates to the following elements of the City of Albany Strategic Community Plan 2032 or Corporate Business Plan informing plans or strategies:
 - a. **Pillar:** Place.
 - b. **Outcomes:** Interesting, vibrant and welcoming places.
 - c. **Objectives:** Create vibrant, attractive and welcoming towns and activity centres.

In Brief:

- To seek Council support for the replacement of the City of Albany's Christmas decorations and an ongoing renewal strategy to maintain them.

RECOMMENDATION

CCS428: AUTHORISING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

- (1) **APPROVE** the reallocation of the following amounts totalling \$123,000 in the 2021/2022 Annual Budget to the account 'Festive Light / Banners' (1378220):
 - a) \$70,000 from account 1756420 'Events CBD Revitalisation';
 - b) \$47,500 from account 1103170 'Community Events Assistance – Racewars'; and
 - c) \$5,500 from account 1756560 'Other Special Events'.
- (2) **NOTE** the expected ongoing allocation for the installation, maintenance and renewal of Christmas Decorations of \$60,000 per annum as part of future budgets; and
- (3) **NOTE** that the hire of a Christmas Lights Trail for Christmas 2022 will require an allocation of \$44,000 as part of the 2022/2023 Budget.

BACKGROUND

2. Albany is the regional hub of the Great Southern and plays a vital role over the Christmas period as the centre for retail, hospitality and entertainment.
3. The City of Albany has a key role in decorating the City for Christmas as well as coordinating and marketing major Christmas events such as the Christmas Pageant and the Christmas markets to promote community and festive spirit.
4. Last year the City's existing Christmas decorations were found to be in a state of disrepair and at end of life, with the majority having to be tagged out.
5. Elected Members supported officers taking time to look at the replacement options for the decorations and present these options and proposal for further consideration and in time to implement a solution for Christmas 2022.
6. As an interim solution for Christmas 2021, the City entered a lease to host a Christmas Light Trail for 6 weeks that featured 14 light sculptures throughout the CBD using the existing budget allocation for decorations.

7. This Trail proved extremely popular, attracting media coverage and achieving significant engagement with the community, including through an online photo competition.

DISCUSSION

8. The need for replacement of the current Christmas Decorations presents an opportunity to achieve a more strategic approach to decoration acquisition and replacement over the next four-to-five years leading into the Albany Bicentenary.
9. Coordinated decorations implementation will attract more people to spend more time in the city centre, encourage the community to come together and participate in a range of experiences, and generate flow-on benefits for businesses.
10. This is fundamental to the continued economic, cultural and social development and enhancement of Albany.
11. Officers have researched a number of options (refer to attached confidential Briefing Note) to decorate the Town Centre for Christmas. These include outright purchase, annual hire, and a combination of purchase and hire.
12. To complement and enhance Albany's heritage buildings and historic streetscape, traditional style, high quality street decorations are proposed.
13. The street decorations will be installed in key areas around York Street and Stirling Terrace, activating the core CBD precinct utilising existing infrastructure.
14. It is also proposed to extend the decorations to the Middleton Beach precinct with the installation of Christmas-themed banners to complement the foreshore's enhanced public realm.
15. A CBD window decoration competition to enhance the festive aesthetic of the CBD will be pursued in 2022 in partnership with the ACCI following assessment of the success of similar initiatives as part of the Maritime Festival.
16. Officers are also recommending further consideration be given to bringing back the popular Christmas Lights Trail for Christmas 2022.
17. The trail proved extremely popular last year, attracting people and families into the city centre, and the City received lots of positive feedback.
18. Significant damage inflicted on the installations over its duration generated a substantial repair bill that dampened its success.
19. If Council supports the trail's return, additional security measures would be implemented, although inexpensive solutions are limited.
20. The Christmas Lights Trail also opens opportunities for commercial and corporate sponsorships, which could be further explored.

GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC CONSULTATION

21. Not Applicable.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

22. Not Applicable.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

23. Not Applicable.

RISK IDENTIFICATION & MITIGATION

20. The risk identification and categorisation relies on the City's Enterprise Risk and Opportunity Management Framework.

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation
Reputational: The festive atmosphere of Albany's city centre does not meet the expectations of a regional centre.	Likely	Moderate	Medium	Replace the City's Christmas Decorations and allocate funds annually for their maintenance and replacement.
Operational: New street decorations do not arrive in time for the coming Christmas (December 2022).	Possible	Moderate	Medium	Amend the 2021-2022 Budget to provide the financial capacity to progress procurement of the decorations as a priority.
				Include an allocation in the 2022-2023 Budget for the hire of the popular Christmas Lights Trail for Christmas 2022.
Opportunity: To generate a festive atmosphere within Albany's city centre that attracts visitation and encourages social and economic activity.				

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

24. Existing Christmas Decorations, now in a state of disrepair, cost \$151,372 to purchase across multiple financial years.
25. Officers have obtained and assessed a number of quotes for the purchase and hire of street decorations and the Christmas Lights Trail installation.
26. Having considered options for outright purchase, annual hire and a combination of purchase and hire, officers consider best value for money to be the purchase of street decorations and banners.
27. The total cost of the proposal for Christmas 2022 outlined within this report (purchase and management of street decorations, and hire of a Christmas Lights Trail) is \$226,678 across the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 financial years.
28. Purchase of the street decorations would cost \$122,678 and will require an amendment to the 2021-2022 Budget. The following amounts have been identified within the 2021-2022 Budget for reallocation:
 - \$70,000 from account 1756420 'Events CBD Revitalisation' – This budget line supports City of Albany event activities within the city centre that are not otherwise directly budgeted for throughout the year, such as Easter programming. Due to events team resources and Covid impact on the events industry there will be an underspend on this budget in 2021-2022.
 - \$47,500 from account 1103170 'Community Events Assistance – Racewars' – This is the annual sponsorship allocation for Racewars which will not be drawn down in 2021-2022 and will otherwise become consolidated revenue at the end of the financial year.

- \$5,500 from account 1756560 ‘Other Special Events’ – This budget line allows the City of Albany to support new special event opportunities that arise during the financial year without requiring a budget amendment. In the past, this has included PUBLIC in the Great Southern and the Queen’s Baton Relay. Due to events team resourcing and Covid impact on the events industry there will be an underspend on this budget in 2021-2022.
29. Ongoing installation, maintenance and replacement costs of the street decorations will require an annual budget allocation of \$60,000, with around \$40-50k of this directed towards future renewal of the decorations.
 30. With regards to the Christmas Lights Trail, hire rather than purchase is considered more cost effective.
 31. Purchase of the Christmas Lights Trail is not recommended due to high upfront cost and significant storage challenges due to the large scale of the light sculptures (a new storage shed would need to be procured), as well as cost of ongoing maintenance and replacement.
 32. Hire of the Christmas Lights Trail would require an additional allocation of \$44,000 in the 2022-2023 Budget.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

33. Nil.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

34. There are no direct environmental considerations related to this item.

ALTERNATE OPTIONS

35. Council may choose to hire street decorations rather than purchase them, however this is not recommended as the quality and quantity of decorations and lights available for hire is not comparable to the purchase option.
36. Council may choose not to hire the Christmas Lights Trail and only approve expenditure for the traditional street decorations.
37. Council may choose not to allocate any funding for the purchase of new street decorations or the hire of the Christmas Lights Trail. This is not recommended, as the City currently does not have any usable Christmas Decorations and Council is likely to receive complaints from the community at Christmas about the lack of decorations in the City’s central areas.

CONCLUSION

38. The installation of Christmas Decorations in the CBD from November to January each year contribute significantly to creating a vibrant and festive environment for the community and visitors to enjoy.
39. The Christmas Lights Trail, installed in 2021, was extremely popular and attracted significant positive attention and engagement, both from the community and the media.
40. Renewal of the Christmas Decorations this year and an annual allocation for their continued repair, maintenance and upgrade, will allow the City to build a strong Albany Christmas identity and maintain the decorations as an asset.

Consulted References	:	City of Albany 2021/2022 Annual Budget
File Number (Name of Ward)	:	All Wards
Previous Reference	:	Nil.

CCS429: QUARTERLY REPORT – TENDERS AWARDED – JANUARY TO MARCH 2022

Proponent	: City of Albany
Attachments	: Quarterly Report – Tenders Awarded – January to March 2022
Report Prepared by	: Senior Procurement Officer (H Hutchinson)
Authorising Officer	: Executive Director Corporate & Commercial Services (D Olde)

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

1. This item relates to the following elements of the City of Albany Strategic Community Plan or Corporate Business Plan informing plans or strategies:
 - **Pillar:** Leadership.
 - **Outcome:** A well informed and engaged community.

RECOMMENDATION

CCS429: AUTHORISING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Quarterly Report – Tenders Awarded – January to March 2022 be RECEIVED.

11. MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

12. MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

13. CLOSURE